

(1) in the form of warp meshes (7, 7').

5. (Amended) A mesh structure with warp thread groups (9) formed from at least two warp threads (1) extending in closely mutually juxtaposed relationship, according to claim 1, characterized in that the warp threads (1) of a warp thread group (9) are fixed to prevent lateral displacement by means of a joining thread (10) extending in a zig-zag configuration.

a/ 6. (Amended) A mesh structure according to claim 1, characterized in that the fixing threads (3) of a warp thread group (9), which are associated with each warp thread (1), are fixed to prevent lateral displacement by means of a joining thread (10) extending in a zig-zag configuration.

7. (Amended) A mesh structure according to claim 1, characterized in that the joining threads (10) or fixing threads (3) which are knitted on or applied by Raschel knitting join the warp and weft threads of the mesh to a non-woven material layer.

REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment prior to examination of the above-identified patent application.

Applicant notes that the instant amendment is being submitted to address formal matters by eliminating multiply dependent claims. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the instant amendment has not been made for any purpose related to a statutory basis of